कोयला उठा सके । उपर्युक्त निर्णय प्रबंध निदेशक को प्रत्यायोजित शक्तियों के अनुरूप था और इससे प्रचलित कार्य प्रणाली का उल्लंघन नहीं हुआ ।

(ग) "सेल" के रिकार्ड और अधिकारी के सम्पत्ति विवरण के अनुसार इस प्रकार की कोई जानकारी नहीं है ।

(घ) उपर्युक्त को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

बछावत वेतन बोर्ड की सिफारिशों को लागू किया जाना

1768. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बछावत वेतन बोर्ड की सिफारिशों को पूरी तरह से लागू कर दिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इन सिफारिशों को पूरी तरह से लागू करने के लिए सरकार क्या प्रयास कर रही है ; और

(ग) इस तथ्य को ध्यान में रखते हुए कि पत्रकारों के लिए नया वेतन आयोग प्रति पांच वर्ष के बाद नियुक्त किया जाता है, क्या सरकार उनके लिए एक ऐसा आयोग नियुक्त करने का विचार रखती है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवर) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) सरकार विभिन्न स्तरों पर बछावत वेतन बोर्ड की सिफारिशों पर कार्यान्वयन पर नजर रखने और इसके लिए एक उपयुक्त तंत्र बनाने के लिए राज्य सरकारों पर दबाव डालती रही है इस बारे में केंद्रीय श्रम मंत्री ने भी दिसम्बर, 1989 में राज्यों और संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के मुख्य मंत्रियों को लिखा था । बछावत बोर्ड की सिफारिशों के कार्यान्वयन को मानीटर करने के लिए केंद्र सरकार को राज्यों और संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों से मासिक कार्यान्वयन रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हो रही है ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

Durgapur steel plant

1769. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of **STEEL** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of the modernisation of Durga pur Steel Plant has not been achieved as per schedule and as a result of which there has been sharp cost increase;

(b) whether the performance of Birla Technical Services has been very poor in handling such gigantic steel plant; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the DSP has made huge payments to BTS and Mannesmann Demag of West Germany during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what was the initial schedule of completion and the present position of the total project of modernisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) Though the progress of execution of certain packages of work in the project for modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant has not been in accordance with the schedules drawn, the overall completion schedule of March, 1993 set for the whole project is likely to be adhered to. There has not been any increase in the cost of the project beyond the sanctioned costs.

(b) There have been certain slippages in respect of certain responsibilities and scope of work assigned to M/s. Birla Technical Services. However, SAIL find the performance for their scope of work in the project satisfactory on the overall basis so far.

(c) and (d) SAIL/DSP regulate the payments to M/s. BTS and M/s. Mannesmann Demag of Germany in accordance with the provisions of the contracts and on the basis of progress made. The cumulative payments made by SAIL/DSP to M/s. BTS are Rs. 136 crores out of a total contract value of Rs. 461.60 crores, and to M/s. Mannesmann Demag Rs. 153 crores out of a total contract value of Rs. 309.63 crores.

The scheduled date of completion of the total project for the Durgapur Steel Plant modernisation is March, 1993. Though certain packages have registered varying degrees of slippages with reference to the envisaged schedules, the overall project is expected to be completed on schedule.

Rehabiltiation of contract labour of FCI Avadt, Tamil Nadu

1770. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what concrete steps Government have taken to rehabiltate those contract labourers who were with the contractors for a long time, in light of its notifications of Ministry of labour dated the 25th February, 1990 to prohibit employment of contract labourers in the Food Storage Department and Godowns of Food Corporation of India, Avadi (Tamil Nadu);

(b) the number of contract labourers who were engaged there at the time of issue of this notification;

(c) whether there is any discrepancy from region to region in absorbing such contract labourers into the fold of regular employment of Food Corporation of India;

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Contract Labourers in the different processing units of Food Corporation of India Godowns at Avadi in Tamil Nadu are on strike with a demand to regularise their services as the employees of Food Corporation of India; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to relieve these unprivileged contract labourers from hardships as to low payment, threat of sudden termination, devoid of the facilities of Provident Fund, Gratuities, Earned leave, Sick leave etc. etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) Food Corporation of India has reported that since a registered Labour Cooperative Society was functioning at Avadi depot and there were no contract labour, the question of rehabilitation of such labour does not arise. They have also reported that a writ petition has been filed by the Tamil Nadu FCI Workers Union, Madras in the Supreme Court and the matter is *subjudice.*

(d) Food Corporation of India has reported that the members of the Tamil Nadu FCI Workers Union have been on strike since 18-06-1991. Negotiations are being held with the representatives of the union keeping in view additional concessions extended by FCI management to labour cooperative societies.

(e) In the instant case, rates payable to the workers through the Society are settled by the Food Corporation of India on mutual negotiations. The society was working at 270 per cent above schedlule of rates under the contract which expired on 20.06.1991. While negotiating the rates, adequacy of wage and other fringe benefits to be provided to the members are kept in view.

Nicotine-based pesticides

1771. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Tobacco Research Institute as Rajahmundry has found tobacco wastes to be effective against pests if so, the details thereof;